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SUBJECT: 1. Product Spiro Vinyl-Cote Plastic (PVC) Coated Steel Air Duct

2. Name and Address of Manufacturer  
NewMech Companies, Inc.  
Spiro Pipe Division  
1633 Eustis Street  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Data on the nonstandard product, described herein have been reviewed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determination has been made that it is considered suitable from a technical standpoint for the use indicated herein. This Release does not purport to establish a comparative quality or value rating for this product as compared to standard products normally used in the same manner.

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USE: An air duct for perimeter heating and cooling distribution systems in or under concrete slab floors on grade.

DESCRIPTION:

Spiro Vinyl-Cote air ducts are spirally wound round ducts made from of galvanized sheet steel fused with a 4 mil thickness on the exterior surface, and a 1 mil thickness on the interior surface. Ducts 3" to 24" in diameter are made of 4 ply spiral lockseam type sheet steel. Ducts greater than 24" diameter up to 54" are 4 ply spiral lockseam and corrugated.

REQUIREMENTS:

Spiro Vinyl-Cote ducts shall comply with UL 181 "Standards for Factory-Made Air Duct and Connectors". All galvanized sheet steel used in the duct shall comply with ASTM A 653-96 and A 924-96. The thickness of the sheet steel shall be as follows:

<u>Diameter of Duct</u> <u>(inches)</u>	<u>Thickness of</u> <u>Sheet (inches)</u>	<u>Tolerance</u> <u>(inches)</u>	<u>Gauge</u>
3 to 8	0.0179	+0.003	26
greater than 8 to 16	0.0239	+0.003	24
greater than 16 to 24	0.0299	+0.003	22
greater than 24 to 54	0.0359	+0.003	20

INSTALLATION:

All installations shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

1. Spiro Vinyl-Cote air ducts shall be used only in or under concrete floor slab on grade.
2. Field connections shall be made with the use of factory-made slip coupling connections, fastened by sheet metal screws and covered with Hardcast tape and Hardcast Adhesive or equivalent. All remaining exposed raw edges, screws or metal shall be coated with factory-made supplied, brush-applied, touch-up coating. The 10 mil, 4" wide tape shall provide a 2" lap on each duct or fitting, and a 4 " overlap at the tape end.
3. The heating unit used with these air ducts shall be:
  - a. electrical resistance or heat pump, or automatically fired gas or oil furnace;
  - b. equipped with a temperature limit control having a maximum setting of 200°F; and
  - c. located at or above floor level.
4. A continuous vapor barrier membrane shall be installed under the slab and under the ducts.
5. Ducts shall be sloped at least 1/8" per foot toward the plenum chamber, and the bottom of perimeter ducts shall be no lower than the exterior finish grade.

GUARANTY:

NewMech Companies, Inc., Spiro Pipe Division guarantees this ducting under normal use for four (4) years from the date of installation. Should any defect occur, NewMech Companies, Inc., Spiro Pipe Division will make a pro rata allowance for replacement of the defective product.

MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Issuance of this Materials Release (MR) commits the manufacturer to fulfill, as a minimum, the following:

1. Produce, label and certify the material, product or system in strict accordance with the terms of this MR.

2. Provide necessary corrective action, in a timely manner for all cases of justified complaint, poor performance or failure reported by HUD.
3. When requested, provide the Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Manufactured Housing and Standards Division, HUD Headquarters, with a representative list of properties in which the material, product or system has been used, including complete addresses or descriptions of locations and dates of installation.
4. Inform HUD in advance of changes in production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.

EVALUATION:

This MR shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this MR shall apply for a renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this MR. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to HUD Headquarters. Appropriate User Fee shall be sent to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Technical Suitability of Products Fees  
P.O. Box 954199  
St. Louis, MO 63195-4199

The holder of this MR may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date. The revision may be in the form of a supplement to the MR.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate User Fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, "User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program," and current User Fee Schedule.

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- (1) conditions under which the document was issued have changed so as to affect production of, or to compromise the integrity of the accepted material, product, or system,

- (2) the manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD, or
- (3) the manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

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